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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOJ DISAPPROVES PAN AMERICAN'S PROPOSAL TO
ALTER SYSTEM OF PASSENGER BAGGAGE CHARGES

1. IN NOTE VERBALE DATED JUNE 3, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED US THAT THE GOJ DISAPPROVES PAA'S
MAY 20 APPLICATION TO ALTER THE SYSTEM USED TO DETERMINE
CHARGES ON PASSENGER BAGGAGE WHICH WAS TO BE EFFECTIVE
FROM JUNE 19, 1977. DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PROPOSAL
IS EXPRESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 13 (G) OF THE
BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

2. FULL TEXT OF EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE IS
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEI HOKU 1, NO. 140, JUNE 3, 1977, NOTE VERBALE,
"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF JAPAN PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA IN JAPAN AND, CONCERNING THE WRITTEN APPLICATION
FOR APPROVAL ON FARES AND CHARGES (IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER PA-100), WHICH APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED BY
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS TO THE TRANSPORTATION
MINISTER UNDER THE DATE OF MAY 20, 1977, AND AS TO
THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE EXTRA CHARGES ON HAND
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BAGGAGE, WITH JUNE 19 OF THIS YEAR AS THE SCHEDULED
DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AS APPLIED FOR, THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY, ON
THE BASIS OF THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (G) OF
ARTICLE 13 OF THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES CIVIL AIR
TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT, THAT AS A RESULT OF THE
STUDY BY THE JAPANESE AVIATION OFFICIALS, (THE SAID

CHANGE) IS DEEMED IMPROPER AT THIS POINT OF TIME.

"INCIDENTALLY, AS TO THE APPLICATION ON THE HAND-BAGGAGE CHARGES IN THIS CASE, THE JAPANESE AVIATION OFFICIALS THINK THAT BECAUSE THIS IS TO INTRODUCE A SYSTEM LARGELY DIFFERENT FROM THE EXISTING SYSTEM FOR HAND BAGGAGE, IT WILL REQUIRE A PREPARATORY PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE MONTHS OR SO TO HAVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM IN THIS CASE MADE THOROUGHLY KNOWN IN ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TRAVEL ENTERPRISES CONCERNED, AND AVIATION ENTERPRISES CONCERNED. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: "CHANGE" THAT WAS PROPOSED IS UTILIZING NEW CAB SYSTEM OF ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE REGULATIONS BASED ON PIECE AND SIZE CONCEPT RATHER THAN WEIGHT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM LAST PARAGRAPH OF NOTE VERBALE AND FROM ORAL EXPLANATION MADE BY MOFA OFFICIAL THAT JCAB MAY APPROVE NEW SYSTEM TO BE EFFECTIVE AT START OF WINTER SEASON; I.E., NOVEMBER ONE. NORTHWEST'S APPLICATION FOR THE SAME TYPE OF CHANGE WAS FILED ABOUT ONE WEEK LATER THAN PAA'S AND EMBASSY ANTICIPATES A SIMILAR EXPRESSION OF DISSATISFACTION. END COMMENT. MANSFIELD

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